

# **EXHIBIT 8**

Message

From: Patrick Connor, MD  
Sent: 7/11/2010 2:56:35 PM  
To: Elliot Pellman, M.D. [EPellman@ProHEALTHcare.com]  
Subject: FW: dea

Elliot – keeping you in the loop. My response back to Dave is below. I obviously will need to avoid his request to get involved with the San Diego media. Working on a politically correct means to do so.

Thanks as always,

PC

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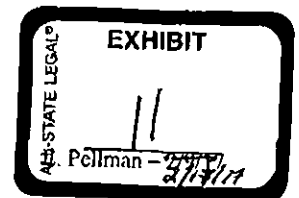
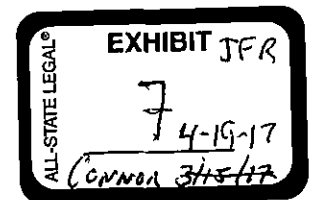
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**From:** Patrick Connor, MD  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 11, 2010 2:51 PM  
**To:** 'David Chao'  
**Subject:** RE: dea

Dave,

Below is an excerpt from an email that I sent the NFLPS Executive Committee regarding the developments in San Diego. Intentionally vague. Just wanted to let them know that we're on it.

As many of you may know, there has been a recent DEA investigation into how medications are managed and distributed in San Diego with the Chargers and Padres, and there is potential fallout for all of us. As this just happened roughly 10 days ago, things are quite dynamic as of now. The League is in the process of hiring an attorney consultant to serve as an intermediary between the DEA and the NFL physicians / athletic trainers / organizations to provide recommendations and to keep us all out of hot water. Our timeline in working through this is tight – hopefully we can get something out prior to the start of training camp. Time will tell if this will be possible. Things are not yet wrapped tightly enough to send out a mass email to the NFLPS membership as a whole, but this will hopefully happen sooner rather than later. I'll keep you posted.

Several issues regarding your request for me to speak to reporters. Let me work on that one, and I'll get back with you.

Hang in there.

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**From:** David Chao [mailto:[dchao@oasis-medical.com](mailto:dchao@oasis-medical.com)]

**Sent:** Sunday, July 11, 2010 10:03 AM

**To:** Patrick Connor, MD

**Subject:** Re: dea

Thanks. I spoke with Elliot and am aware of the plan to hire an atty.

Off the record, here is my concern. Elliot said the atty being hired will be protecting the league. The dea has told me that the team is a "non-entity" in their eyes and their concern is the dea licensee (ie the physicians). I am sure the atty will help us if he/she can but that

will not be their focus.

When this document is unsealed, there will be another round of articles and media inquiries. I asked Elliot if he would back me up and say that everyone in the league does it the same way. He said he would not do that as he doesn't know for a fact how I do it. (This is after he agreed that we all do it this way) Would u be willing to speak to one reporter as the president of the nflps and tell a reporter that I do it like all other physicians in the nfl and other sports as well? Sorry to put u in this position. The main local reporter is out to paint a bad picture. This would be a big help.

Also, does the physician society have a obligation to warn the other team physicians?

Thanks for your help and concern

Dave

----- Original Message -----

From: Patrick Connor, MD <Patrick.Connor@orthocarolina.com>  
To: David Chao  
Sent: Sun Jul 11 06:16:53 2010  
Subject: Re: dea

Dave,

The League is now hiring a high-powered attorney consultant to be the intermediary between us, the trainers, organizations, the League and the DEA. We will then meet to discuss. Time line is asap. Obviously we will try to have our arms around recommendations for all team docs, trainers and organizations before training camp starts. Tight schedule for sure. Not sure about the sealed envelope issue - will inquire.

Thanks for keeping me posted. I'll do the same. Talk soon.

PC

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any new news? should the physicians society send out something or at least notify our colleagues so they dont get stuck in this like me?

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From: Patrick Connor, MD [<mailto:Patrick.Connor@orthocarolina.com>]  
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He was good. He's going to look into things from the League perspective. He'll get back with me as soon as he finds anything out.

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From: David Chao  
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Subject: RE: dea

what did elliot have to say?

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Thanks Dave. On it. I have spoken with Elliot and we both are looking into things. Please keep me posted as to any developments on your end.

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From: David Chao  
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Sent: Tue Jul 06 11:48:08 2010  
Subject: dea

the head dea guy in san diego is john partridge 858-616-4412

james collins is calling dr brown and elliot but has not reached them yet.

please keep me in the loop on our next steps and what the response you get is. thanks

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